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TARGET IN WLL TOWER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target for installation of Wireless in Local Loop towers has not been achieved ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) the details of the officials found guilty of delay in procurement of equipments during the last three years ;

(d) the target fixed in this regard during the last three years ;

(e) the extent to which the targets have been achieved; and

(f) the reaction of the Government on the achievements of the targets ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)to(f) Sir, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) assigns target in terms of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) switching capacity. Targets and achievements in terms of switching capacity and translated achievement in terms of WLL towers are as follows:

	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
WLL	24,00,000	5,41,200	20,99,400	12,86,40,00	14,40,000	13,77,800 capacity
No. of Towers (BTS)	3,200	722	2,799	1,715	1,920	1,837

The achievement figures have been 23%, 61% and 96% in respect of the targets for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

The shortfall in BSNL's achievements against the targets is due to the following reasons:

(i) Validation of the equipments took longer time than anticipated period due to new technology being introduced first time in BSNL network.

(ii) Delay in supply and installation of equipments by the vendors.

(iii) Non-acceptance of Advance Purchase Orders by the vendors during 2005-06.

(iv) Difficulty in making the infrastructure ready in remote and rural areas.

(v) The law and order problem in insurgency prone areas like J&K, North Eastern region, Chhattisgarh etc.

There was no delay in procurement during last three years due to fault of the official concerned.

As regards Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL), the PSU had planned CDMA − WLL network of 4 lakh lines each in Delhi and Mumbai in 2004-05. The network was commissioned in both the cities in February, 2006. However, achievement of commissioning of BTS has been 220 in Delhi and 199 in Mumbai against the target of 222 in each of the cities. Remaining two towers in Delhi shall be commissioned by 31.12.2007 and 23 towers in Mumbai shall be commissioned by 31.3.08 progressively.

Delay in achievement of targets was because of delay in supply and commissioning of the network by the vendor.